

**CTTAB**  
**November 8, 2005 Minutes**  
City of Seattle, Seattle Municipal Tower  
27<sup>th</sup> Floor, 700 – Fifth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104

<b>Present</b> Bill Baron Maryann Budlong Deborah Gartside Harry Hart, III Pwint Htun Damien Koemans Andrea Lee Huat Chye Lim Manny Ovena Ann Robinson Nina Sanders Ken Thompson  <b>Excused</b> Todd Achilles Paul Green	<b>Visitors</b> A.J. Gomez Tom Kee  <b>Staff</b> David Keyes Jill Novik
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**1. Announcements, Agenda Approval; Review of Minutes:**

The agenda and October 11, 2005 minutes were approved.

**2. Director's Report:** Bill Schrier

As Schrier was out of town there was no Director's Report.

**3. Committee Reports**

Citizen engagement/E-Democracy: Huat Chye Lim reported that the committee is looking at low cost technologies that, if deployed, would further e-democracy, communication between and among citizens and government. Blogging by elected officials is one example of a technology that would permit elected officials to get their message out and get quick feedback from citizens. It could also be a forum for citizens to talk among themselves. Blogs could also be established that would be subject specific, such as the monorail, or department specific. Lim requested that CTTAB members let him know if they are interested in participating in this work.

Emerging Technologies: Deborah Gartside reported that she is working on finishing documenting the committee's work and will be sending it out..

SeaStats: Pwint Htun met with Terry Wittman for a demonstration of SeaStats. The system is stable, but still on the City server. Terry and her team will be giving a demonstration to the Mayor's senior staff on November 9. The committee will meet again to work on usability, with a goal of a soft launch at the end of January.

Broadband Task Force: Bill Baron reported on a recent conference in Portland at which he was a panelist and Tony Perez a panel moderator. The conference focused on fiber to the home in other cities; the technology of fiber; and financing.

Pwint asked if Seattle has been talking with San Francisco, as they seek a Wi-Fi provider. Bill Schrier has been talking to them, and Tony will be spending time this week with Diana Neff, CIO of Philadelphia, which is also developing citywide Wi-Fi. Portland has recently issued a request for proposals for a Wi-Fi system. To date, only a few cities have or are close to installing fiber to the home.

#### **4. Community Technology: David Keyes**

Wi-fi – Keyes reported that there are still some spots of inability to connect, although things have improved. Hart asked whether merchants had embraced the signs, and Htun whether that had been any impact in sales from the program. Keyes said that there is some anecdotal information, but he will be meeting with the merchants soon and have a better read.

Lee reported that the committee is looking at its agenda for the future. Sanders added that the committee is gearing up for TMF, with a tentative due date of March 20 for applications.

#### **4. Cable Office Report: Jill Novik**

Franchise negotiations: We have made significant progress in the last month and have deal points to present at the next meeting. Baron offered to convene a committee of Lee, Sanders, Green, Robinson, Achilles, and Ovena to review the draft, when available.

Federal legislation: Jill noted that the City is working with other jurisdictions, educational institutions, and elected officials in support of local franchising and related issues. CTTAB discussed sending a letter to the Mayor and Council in support of the broad issues and supporting PEG channels. The group delegated the letter writing to the franchising committee.

Public disclosure of on-line business. As there were many questions, it was agreed to invite the responsible Asst. City Attorney to talk with CTTAB at its next meeting.

New applicants: Maryann noted that interviews were concluded, and the choices were difficult with very impressive candidates. We are waiting for the Mayor and Council decisions.

## **5. Open Forum**

Providing technical assistance: Bill Baron presented a draft letter for CTTAB review asking City Council members how CTTAB might help them achieve their goals. Suggestions included being more specific about what the benefits of technology are that CTTAB could assist with and making the letters a bit more tailored to each councilmember's specific interests. Baron will revise the letter.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.